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Workers Statement: Martha Duque
**HB 6877: AN ACT CONCERNING A MINIMUM WORK WEEK FOR PERSONS PERFORMING
JANITORIAL WORK**

Hello members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. My name is Martha Duque and I've been working as a cleaner at New Britain's Courthouse for the past 2 years.

I've always done this work with pride but I have to say, life is not easy for part-time cleaners. There is not enough money to pay for all the family needs. Paying for healthcare alone is a struggle. We used to have to pay \$600 every month to cover my family.

Juggling bills is no fun, that's why I'm very thankful for being able to start working full time. It's only 5 hours more but it makes a big difference. The extra money always helps to pay groceries and this and that bill. The benefits have been a lifesaver for us too. By having employer paid family healthcare we no longer have to pay \$600 every month to keep our family covered. It has been a blessing. But it shouldn't have to come to luck. Everyone should be able to make ends meet and have enough hours to pay the bills. That's why I encourage you to support the Better Jobs Act in CT. Our state can do it.